Dear Families,

This year, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lismore will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from May 3 - 8. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2015 is *Walk With Me*.

Catholic Schools Week is a time to give thanks to God for the gift of Catholic education and for those who walk with and empower our students to live as disciples of Jesus. Catholic Schools Week 2015 in Parish Schools in the Diocese of Lismore is informed by Proclaim Lismore Students 2015. Proclaim Lismore Students 2015 is a year of listening to and engaging with students in Parish Schools to consider how they can be best supported to full and meaningful Christian lives in our changing world. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2015 *Walk With Me* was chosen for this reason.

I extend an invitation to you and your family to join us at St Joseph’s on Thursday 7th May 2015 to celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2015 with our school and parish community.

Our school celebration will commence at 10.15 am with Mass/Liturgy followed by morning tea and open classrooms.

This is an ideal opportunity to support our parish school and learn more about the great things that take place in Catholic schools every day.

Our school has a supportive community of teachers, parents, carers, Parent Forum, clergy, parishioners and support staff who work together to focus on giving students the best Catholic education possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support of St Joseph’s and I look forward to celebrating Catholic Schools Week with you on 7th May 2015.

**ANZAC 2015: AUSTRALIANS COMMEMORATE 100 YEARS SINCE FIRST GALLIPOLI LANDINGS**

The student response to the ANZAC Day March was excellent. As a staff we were proud and very grateful to the students who were able to represent St Joseph’s at these very significant memorial services. There were over 60 children present at the dawn service with every class represented - even 4 children from Kindergarten. Our School Captains, Nella and Daniel, presented a speech about the importance of remembering our ANZACs and our Vice Captains, Lily and Jonathan, laid a wreath on behalf of the School community. At Woodburn, approximately 60 students participated in the march and ceremony where Lily and Jonathan presented the speech, and Nella and Daniel laid the wreath. It was an outstanding representation from St Joseph’s and I thank our school students for seeing the importance of giving up their time to represent our school. Thank you also to our parents for making it possible for the children to be present at these occasions. We received many compliments and all students were a credit to their families.

**WELCOME TO ST JOSEPH’S**

This week we are very excited to welcome the Aleckson family back to our school, Maddy (Year 2 — first time at our school), Harry (Year 4) and Jordyn (Year 5) and their parents, Belinda and Rick.

I am sure that you join with me in welcoming our new and returning students and their family to St Joseph’s and we trust that their transition will be a happy and successful one.

**KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2016**

Parents of children who are ready to start school in 2016 are asked to register their child’s name at the school Office so that we can begin the enrolment process.

Please pass on this message to family and friends who are intending to enrol children in Kinder next year. Children must turn five by 31st July 2016 to be enrolled in Diocesan schools.

Jeanette
ST JOSEPH’S WOODBURN FAMILY-CENTRED SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Sacrament of Eucharist - First Holy Communion
During the Term 22 children and their families will be preparing for the Sacrament of Eucharist - First Holy Communion. They will be meeting in small groups over the next four weeks. As parents have the vital role of guiding and nurturing their child’s faith journey, these meetings have included child friendly activities designed for parents to be engaged and share in these important times of their child’s faith development. The program also includes the wisdom and guidance of Parish Supporters who will also attend the meetings.

On Tuesday there was a Parent Information Meeting at which Father Richard spoke to those present and information was shared and discussed. The parents then decided upon their Family Groups and where and when they will meet.

During the meeting the parents were asked to comment about our Parish Family-Centred Sacramental Program. Some of the comments are as follows:

- All seemed to work well! The Group Leader did a great job!
- The small groups worked well and we had a lot of good discussions!
- Eager participation in all activities and discussion by all parents and children!
- Good relationship building for children and parents!
- Sharing knowledge between school and home!
- It was great to have a parish person to help!
- It got the parents more involved!
- Easy to follow prepared sessions!
- All parents seemed willing to be involved and support
- Good instructions for Leaders and parents to facilitate the sessions

The preparation for the Sacrament will conclude with the Celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist - First Holy Communion at:

Woodburn: Saturday, 30th May at 5 pm at the All Saints’ Church Wooburn
After Mass there will be a supper and cutting of the Communion Cake in the School Library.
Evans Head: Sunday morning, 7th June at 7.30 am at the St John’s Catholic Church, Evans Head.
Coraki: Sunday, 31st May at 9.15 am at the St Joseph’s Catholic Church, Coraki

Project Compassion—Thank you!
A huge thank you to our school community for your efforts in raising $557 towards CARITAS AUSTRALIA - Project Compassion fundraising appeal “Food for Life”. This year your generosity and support has been impressive.

MAKING JESUS REAL: GOD MOMENTS

A God moment is when you see Jesus reflected through a person or event or scenery. Very often a God moment is recalled when you think back on your day!
Tawny Thompson - For picking up plastic without being asked.
Domanic Mason- For just naturally using beautiful manners!
Nominated by Mrs Boyd

ALTAR SERVERS—ALL SAINTS’ WOODBURN, SATURDAY, 5 pm
2nd May—Stephanie Bell, Courtney Bell and Jason Bell
9th May—Lateisha Doran, Sarah Biffin and Jordan Biffin
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM IN LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)
Students in Years 3 and 5 will undergo the National Assessment Program in Numeracy and Literacy (NAPLAN) in Week 4 on 12th, 13th and 14th May. All students in all states and territories in Australia will participate in these tests on the same day. We wish our students in Years 3 and 5 all the best in these assessments.

MOTHERS’ DAY MASS AND MORNING TEA
We would like to invite our mums, grandmothers, carers and friends to the Catholic Schools Mass/Liturgy at 10.15 am in the Church on Thursday, 7th May, and afterwards to share morning tea to celebrate Mothers’ Day. Morning tea will be provided.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
A Mothers’ Day Stall, organised by the Parent Forum, will be held at school on Wednesday 6th May where students have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mother or grandmother for $5.00 each. (Do not send money in before the day, the children can bring in on the Thursday.)

WALK WITH ME - SRC FUNDRAISER
CASUAL CLOTHES TUESDAY 5TH MAY.
The Student Representative Council is holding a fundraiser next Tuesday 5th May, during Catholic Schools Week to put into action the theme of ‘Walk with Me’. They are inviting students to wear mufti (Casual clothes) and join in a walkathon and some games that don’t use electricity. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation. The money raised will be given to St Joseph’s Primary school, Dungog, to help them in the aftermath of the recent floods and devastation. Please encourage your child to ‘Walk with them’ next Tuesday.

SPORTS NEWS from John Cocciola
Richmond Zone Cross Country
The Richmond Zone Cross Country for Catholic Primary Schools that was to be held today at Hepburn Park, Goonellabah, Lismore has been postponed until next Friday, 8th May due to inclement weather conditions.

Polding Winter Trials
The Polding Winter Trials for primary students were held at Tamworth, yesterday, 30th April. Congratulations to Nella Bradford (Year 6) who attended the girls hockey trials and has been chosen to represent the Polding team at the upcoming State PSSA Carnival.

IMPORTANT SPORTS DATES TERM 2
1. 8th May: Richmond Zone Cross Country in Lismore
2. 22nd May: Lismore Diocesan Cross Country in Lismore
3. 11th June: Finals of sprint relays at school at 2.30 pm
4. 12th June: St Joseph’s Athletics Carnival K-6 at Riverview Park, South Lismore

FREE DENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN
A new oral health program for Kindergarten children has been developed by the Northern New South Wales Local Health District, Oral Health Services. All Kindergarten children are eligible. The program is free, and will have both clinical and educational components. A clinical assessment will be made, along with a tailored education session of approximately 10-15 minutes. If follow up treatment is required it will be offered in a public dental clinic. Consent Forms will be sent home with each Kindergarten child and should be returned to school by Friday, 12th June. The Dental Therapists will be visiting our school on Wednesday, 17th June 2015.

The Northern NSW Local Health District would like to remind parents and carers that the Child Oral Health Service offers FREE dental care to ALL children under 18.
**TERM 2 WEEK 3**
**CATHOLIC SCHOOL’S WEEK**

**Monday, 4th May**
Tuckshop
Parent Forum Meeting 2pm

**Tuesday, 5th May**
Sports Uniform
P2P Training—Mrs Reese
Xavier Catholic College Parent Information Night
SRC Fundraiser—Casual clothes day

**Wednesday, 6th May**
Tuckshop
Library
P2P Training—Mrs Reese
Principals’ Meeting—Ms Wilkins
Mothers’ Day Stall—$5.00

**Thursday, 7th May**
Sports uniform
Whole School Mass 10.15 am
*Catholic Schools Week celebrations*

**Friday, 8th May**
Richmond Zone Cross country

**TERM 2 WEEK 4**
**CATHOLIC SCHOOL’S WEEK**

**Monday, 11th May**
Tuckshop

**Tuesday, 12th May**
Sports Uniform
NAPLAN Years 3 & 5—Language Conventions and Writing

**Wednesday, 13th May**
Tuckshop
Library
NAPLAN Years 3 & 5—Reading

**Thursday, 14th May**
Sports uniform
NAPLAN Years 3 & 5—Numeracy

**Friday, 15th May**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**
*Happy Birthday wishes from the school community to Ruby Johnston, Elleigh Jamroz, Charlie Hong and Charli Jamroz who celebrated their birthday this week.*

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**
Monday, 4th May
Tanya Davidson
Katrina McGillivray

Wednesday, 6th May
Naomi Robinson
AM: Stacey Bradford
PM: Megan Woolley

*Thank you ladies!*

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**XAVIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE**
**REVISED ENROLMENT TIMELINE**
**YEAR 7 2016**

**Tuesday, 5th May 2015**
Parent Information Evening
5.30 pm: Tours
6.00 pm: Sausage Sizzle
7.00 pm: Information Session

The closing date for enrolments is now **Monday, 11th May 2015**.

If you have any enquiries please ring 6687 6484.

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**WOODBURN HALL**
**60TH BIRTHDAY BALL**
Saturday, 2nd May
from 7.30 pm
Live band: ‘The Sultans’
Light supper
BYOG
Tickets $10
Bookings essential
Woodburn Visitor Information Centre
Phone 6682 2032 (Glenn) or 6682 2203 (Pam)

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**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**
**TERM 2—Week 1**

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**
Activities that are on the agenda include:

* Fireworks
* Bon Fire
* Big slide with 3 lanes (rides $5 each or a ride pass as below)
* Jumping Castle (on the ride pass)
* Mechanical Surfboard (on the ride pass)
* Skirmish (on the ride pass)
* Balloon darts
* Photo booth
* Hair stall
* Tattoos
* Glow sticks
* Fishing Game
* Plant Stall
* Book Stall
* Bric ‘a’ Brac (garage sale)
* Home made cake/dessert stall/bakery stall
* Ball throwing game
* Paddle pop stick lucky game
* Snow Cones, Fairy Floss, Pop Corn
* Auction / Raffle
* Lucky Dips
* Huge bbq & food stall.
* Beverage & Coffee Cart

**We are asking you:**

* to start collecting your items for the Book Sale & Garage Sale Stalls. This needs to be in **good pre loved condition** and can be dropped off at the school OR to 112 or 114 Woodburn St, Evans Head to Julie Landrigan or Kim McClure (0410 615 242- Julie).
* Saving for a ride pass $20 pre paid per child or $25 on the night. Rides are suitable for all family members and the pass covers as many rides as you can fit in for the night. **We need ride passes pre purchased** to secure the 4 rides rather than 3 rides (as the mechanical surfboard will be deleted if not enough passes are sold prior to the event).
* Cooking for the Dessert Bar - We are asking for this to be **home cooked only** (by you/ family/ grandparents/friends).
* Plants - do you have any that would be suitable.

Spread the word - One Big Fundraiser!! Invite your Friends, Neighbours, Relatives - One big Event.. One big Fundraiser.
We are hoping to replace the multiple fundraising activities throughout the year to one fundraiser where all can be involved, we can all contribute, with a lot of fun.